

While the suits do not always succeed in court, apparently they are effective in helping to intimidate Scott's adversaries. Dozens of people refused to speak about Scott for this article because they expressed fear of being sued.

Over the years, Scott's followers occasionally have resorted to verbal threats and physical violence to defend their minister. In 1985, a musician in Scott's band who criticized the preacher reported to officials that he was jumped, punched and tossed through a plate glass window by two church followers. The musician, Donald Vladimir Nicoloff, was treated for facial and leg cuts.

In the months leading up to a trial on assault charges against his alleged attackers, Nicoloff claimed he received harassing, late-night phone calls from Scott's disciples, some threatening bodily harm. The trial against the two church followers ended in a hung jury when the key witness, the church's former head musician, fled to Tennessee because he feared reprisals from Scott's disciples, prosecutors maintained.

Glendale police were so concerned about a potential outbreak of violence by Scott's devotees that the prosecutor assigned to the case, Los Angeles County Deputy Dist. Atty. Herb Lapin, was issued a gun permit and assigned a police officer for protection during the trial.

"I'm not going to call his followers fanatics or lunatics," Lapin says. "But whenever you have a group that has strong followers, I find they are easily led by their leaders, whether they are good or bad."

ADMIRE HIM OR DESPISE him, Gene Scott has attained the kind of fame, lifestyle and influence that most people only dream about.

"Only in America," sighs Clark of the National Religious Broadcasters, "can people like this get on television, attract an audience and collect enough money to stay on television."

And only in Southern California, it seems, can a long-haired, loud-mouthed preacher pack a cavernous movie house each Sunday with followers eager to hear the word of God from him. In a city that attracts people seeking the good life, a pastor with a free spirit, a stable of horses, a chauffeured limo and an answer for everything can be an attractive role model.

"Gene Scott offers you all the advantages of Christianity with none of the inconveniences except tithing," says Rabbi William Kramer, a religious studies professor emeritus at Cal State Northridge and an admirer of Scott. "You don't have to put that in cellophane to sell it."

Yet others feel strongly that Scott has no business preaching in a church. The Christian Research Institute, an international religious center based in Irvine that monitors controversial religious movements, goes so far as to advise Christians not to attend Scott's services.

"During the last few years, Scott has become more and more outrageous and offensive," a CRI analysis concludes. "His language is crude, abusive and profane, clearly violating God's standards for Christians."

Such condemnation drives Scott up a wall. At a recent service, Scott grouched that he is fed up with outsiders who have the nerve to question his conduct.

"They never stop!" Scott protested to loud applause. "These judgmental asses!"

PHOTO: COLOR, COVER: The eccentric preacher and his projects.

PHOTO: COLOR, (Gene Scott)

PHOTO: COLOR, Scott's Universal Cathedral, where he gives his 2-hour sermons.

PHOTO: COLOR, Scott makes his points with different pens, crossing out markings instead of erasing them.

PHOTO: COLOR, Guards protect the church's valuables, including him, Scott says.

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EXHIBIT 23

1 Broadcasting. Again, are you asking him  
2 whether Reading Broadcasting, Inc, employees  
3 Tom Root. I heard the question.

4 MR. BECHTEL: Jesus, I thought that  
5 was clear.

6 MR. HUTTON: No, it's not clear.

7 MR. BECHTEL: Let's take a recess.

8 (Discussion off the record)

9 BY MR. BECHTEL:

10 Q Do you now or within the past  
11 several years have you at Reading  
12 Broadcasting Company employed the services of  
13 Tom Root?

14 MR. HUTTON: I'm going to object on  
15 the grounds of relevance because it doesn't  
16 relate to the license renewal term. I'll let  
17 the witness answer because it's a matter of  
18 record already in this case.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 BY MR. BECHTEL:

21 Q In what capacity?

22 MR. HUTTON: Same objection.

1 THE WITNESS: I think I have him  
2 as, on special projects.

3 BY MR. BECHTEL:

4 Q What special projects?

5 MR. HUTTON: Same objection.

6 THE WITNESS: Whatever I assign him  
7 to.

8 BY MR. BECHTEL:

9 Q What have you assigned him to?

10 MR. HUTTON: Same objection.

11 THE WITNESS: Answer the question?

12 How can I describe what I assigned. I have  
13 used his expertise to, let's see, how do I  
14 describe it. I have utilized his expertise  
15 to advise me on a number of, a number of  
16 issues, everything from cable coverage to  
17 traffic system at the station, a wide variety  
18 of -- a wide variety of activities throughout  
19 the station.

20 BY MR. BECHTEL:

21 Q How frequently do you communicate  
22 with him?

1 MR. HUTTON: Same objection. When  
2 you ask communicate, are you asking him  
3 specifically about Reading Broadcasting, Inc,  
4 matters?

5 MR. BECHTEL: No.

6 MR. HUTTON: Then I object and  
7 instruct the witness not to answer.

8 BY MR. BECHTEL:

9 Q Yes.

10 MR. HUTTON: Go ahead.

11 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, you  
12 instructed me not to answer?

13 BY MR. BECHTEL:

14 Q I changed a no to yes, I'm asking  
15 you --

16 A Reading Broadcasting?

17 Q Yes.

18 A Okay, with regard to Reading  
19 Broadcasting, how often do I communicate with  
20 him? I would say three times a week.

21 Q Does he come to the station,  
22 Reading Broadcasting Company station?

1 MR. HUTTON: I object on grounds of  
2 relevance, but the witness can answer the  
3 question.

4 THE WITNESS: He comes to the  
5 station sometimes.

6 BY MR. BECHTEL:

7 Q Approximately how often does he  
8 come to the station?

9 MR. HUTTON: Same objection. Go  
10 ahead.

11 THE WITNESS: Go ahead and answer  
12 it, okay. Again, the question was how often?  
13 I would say he's there about one week a  
14 month. Now, let me correct that, I would  
15 think he's there about one week every two  
16 months, that would be a better.

17 BY MR. BECHTEL:

18 Q Do you know why he's on your Web  
19 page?

20 MR. HUTTON: Same objection. On  
21 whose Web page?

22 MR. BECHTEL: You would ask me

1       that, it says registrant, Reading  
2       Broadcasting, Inc, WTVE-DOM, what's that  
3       mean, domain name, WTVE.COM; does that help?

4               MR. HUTTON: I guess it clarifies  
5       somewhat. I'm going to object on the grounds  
6       of relevance, but let the witness answer.

7               THE WITNESS: You seem to be  
8       looking at a document, so I'd like to --

9               BY MR. BECHTEL:

10              Q       Would you like to look at that?

11              A       Yes, thank you.

12              Q       That's the first time I did this in  
13       this deposition.

14              A       No, I understand that. It doesn't  
15       mean I'm going to let you get away with it,  
16       but --

17                      (Parker Deposition Exhibit  
18                      No. 12 was marked for  
19                      identification.)

20              MR. HUTTON: I'm sorry, was there  
21       an 11 that you didn't ask questions about?

22              MR. BECHTEL: Yes, there was,



1       that's the Master Media Enterprises.

2               MR. HUTTON: Are you going to ask  
3       any questions about it?

4               MR. BECHTEL: I might.

5               MR. HUTTON: I'm going to object to  
6       you asking any questions about it.

7               MR. BECHTEL: Yes, you will, I know  
8       you will.

9               THE WITNESS: Can we take a break  
10      for a minute?

11              MR. HUTTON: Sure.

12              THE WITNESS: Okay.

13                      (Discussion off the record)

14                      (The reporter read the record as  
15                      requested.)

16              BY MR. BECHTEL:

17              Q       Do you know who Mike Cowan and John  
18      Rock are?

19              A       No.

20              Q       From the area code, does that  
21      appear to you to be the same area code as  
22      Mr. Root?

1 A Yes.

2 Q It would appear to be Norwalk,  
3 Ohio?

4 A That is correct.

5 Q So you have three people on the  
6 Reading Broadcasting Web page or whatever  
7 these things are called in Norwalk, Ohio?

8 MR. HUTTON: No, I'm going to  
9 object. You're mischaracterizing. This is  
10 not a web page. This is a document that  
11 Network Solutions, the company that oversees  
12 Web page domain name registrations has  
13 produced.

14 You have not established that Mike  
15 Cowan or John Rock have anything to do with  
16 Reading Broadcasting, Inc.

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

18 MR. HUTTON: This is not the WTVE  
19 web page.

20 MR. BECHTEL: You mean they could  
21 have my name here?

22 MR. HUTTON: Yes.

1 MR. BECHTEL: How would my name get  
2 there?

3 MR. HUTTON: If the Web site  
4 company listed you as a contact person, they  
5 could be a third-party contractor, basically.

6 MR. BECHTEL: So someone told  
7 Network Solutions that under Reading  
8 Broadcasting, Inc, they wanted Mr. Cowan and  
9 Mr. Root and Mr. Rock to be listed; is that  
10 correct?

11 MR. HUTTON: I'm not an expert in  
12 this area.

13 MR. BECHTEL: Well I thought you  
14 just told me that the registrant had to tell  
15 them what to put down there.

16 MR. HUTTON: Well I think that's  
17 right, but you started out by saying that  
18 this was the WTVE Web page, and it's not.

19 MR. BECHTEL: I'll rephrase that.

20 BY MR. BECHTEL:

21 Q On this document, by whatever name,  
22 can you explain why someone asked the issuer

1 of the document to associate Messrs. Cowan,  
2 Rock and Root with Reading Broadcasting, Inc,  
3 as the registrant?

4 A As I understand this document, in  
5 looking at it, it starts out after the  
6 printed portion, if you will, the typed  
7 portion starts out with registrant. I asked  
8 Mr. Root to set up the Web page for, as one  
9 of the projects that he worked on for the  
10 corporation. I assume in the process of  
11 doing that, he registered WTVE.COM as our  
12 name, and in doing so, utilized the services  
13 of Mr. Cowan and Mr. Rock to set up the Web  
14 page and listed them as contacts for that  
15 purpose, and himself in terms of, it says  
16 billing contact.

17 So I assume that Network Solutions,  
18 if there's a bill for our services and we  
19 don't pay it, would call Mr. Root and say why  
20 aren't you paying your bill.

21 Q What is the utility of registering  
22 with these people, I mean how does that, what

1 does that accomplish?

2 MR. HUTTON: I'm going to object on  
3 grounds of relevance, but you can answer the  
4 question.

5 THE WITNESS: I believe that that,  
6 in effect, reserves for your use your name.  
7 Somebody else can't come along and utilize  
8 your name, much like you would register a  
9 trade name.

10 I am not, by any means, an expert  
11 on the Internet, but I believe that to be the  
12 case.

13 BY MR. BECHTEL:

14 Q Let's go back to our Exhibit 11.  
15 The question I asked you quite some time ago  
16 before we got to Reading Broadcasting, I  
17 asked you if you employed the services of  
18 Mr. Root with other broadcasting activities  
19 in which you are engaged and I would ask you  
20 if the reference to TIBS Corporation, or Corp  
21 in this letter refers to Two If By Sea?

22 MR. HUTTON: I'm going to object on

1 grounds of relevance and instruct the witness  
2 not to answer.

3 BY MR. BECHTEL:

4 Q I would ask if this reflects that  
5 Mr. Root is being copied on a negotiation for  
6 the sale of your Hartford interest?

7 MR. HUTTON: I object on grounds of  
8 relevance and instruct the witness not to  
9 answer.

10 BY MR. BECHTEL:

11 Q Do the duties that you've assigned  
12 to Mr. Root for the Hartford LMA include  
13 negotiating the sale and purchase of the  
14 station?

15 MR. HUTTON: Same objection.

16 BY MR. BECHTEL:

17 Q What other duties have you assigned  
18 to Mr. Root with regard to the Hartford  
19 station?

20 MR. HUTTON: Same objection.

21 BY MR. BECHTEL:

22 Q What duties have you assigned to

1 Mr. Root with regard to the 29 Palms station?

2 MR. HUTTON: Same objection.

3 BY MR. BECHTEL:

4 Q The Dallas station?

5 MR. HUTTON: Same objection.

6 (Parker Deposition Exhibit

7 No. 13 was marked for

8 identification.)

9 BY MR. BECHTEL:

10 Q Exhibit 13 is a document that has  
11 been provided to Adams Communication  
12 Corporation in the discovery phase of our  
13 current proceeding.

14 Do you know why, sir, Mr. Root  
15 received a copy of this?

16 A Well it appears because George  
17 Mattmiller sent it to him.

18 Q Did you delegate to Mr. Mattmiller  
19 responsibilities for deciding what to engage  
20 Mr. Root in?

21 A Well, Mr. Mattmiller is the  
22 assistant general manager of the station and

1 he has the power to call upon anybody who  
2 works for me, or for the station.

3 Q Fair enough. Has Mr. Mattmiller  
4 recently terminated his employment with  
5 Reading Broadcasting, Inc?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Would you describe the  
8 circumstances under which he did so?

9 MR. HUTTON: Objection, relevance.  
10 You can answer the question.

11 THE WITNESS: He got a better  
12 offer.

13 BY MR. BECHTEL:

14 Q Is he working for your client in  
15 Peoria?

16 MR. HUTTON: Objection, relevance.  
17 You can answer the question.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, he is.

19 MR. BECHTEL: Now, I don't want to  
20 offend you twice by not showing you, so I'll  
21 show it to you.

22 THE WITNESS: Okay.



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- 3). Petition for Leave to Amend and Amendment
- 4). FCC Correspondence
- 5). Earl Township
- 5). Radio Licenses
- 6). Broadcast Station License
- 7). Modification of License-October 29, 1981
- 8). WTVE Common Carrier Status
- 9). Operating Frequency Checks
- 10). Microwave Frequencies
- 11). Contour Maps
- 12). License Renewal-1999
- 13). Partel, Inc. Management Services Agreement
- 14). Telemundo Network Affiliation Agreement
- 15). Video Catalog Channel, Inc. Programming Agreement
- 16). Annual Ownership Report
- 17). FCC Ownership Report-Form 323
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Reading Broadcasting, Inc. (WTVE-DOM)  
1729 N. 11th St.  
Reading, PA 19604  
US

Domain Name: WTVE.COM

**Administrative Contact:**

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419-668-4080 (FAX) 419-668-4077

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Rock, John (JR13379) [johnr@ACCNORWALK.COM](mailto:johnr@ACCNORWALK.COM)  
419 668 4080 (FAX) 419 668 4077

**Billing Contact:**

Root, Tom (TR5304) [tlroot@ACCNORWALK.COM](mailto:tlroot@ACCNORWALK.COM)  
419 668 4894 (FAX) 419 668 4894

Record last updated on 18-Dec-98.

Record created on 18-Dec-98.

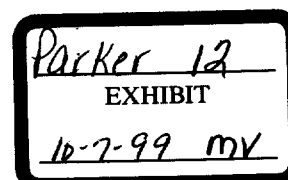
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Domain servers in listed order:

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NS2.LCI.NET	<u>150.159.216.206</u>

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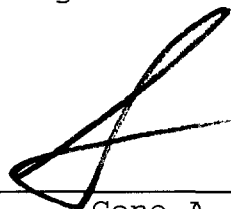
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